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Dear Paul (cc GS),

I had only the first two pages of each of the CD75 reports on Brian Ampolsk, so I ordered both. I know I have written earlier memos on Ampolsk and these reports, and rereading these reports give me no satisfactory clue to what his father told me of the effect on his mental health.

Assuming no error in either FBI reporting or Hampton's recollection CD75:2220, it is interesting that Ampolsk recalled LHO addressing a meeting during the summer. The only reports of anything this could be are of LHO supposedly speaking at a coffee shop, I think the Ryder House. There are unofficial reports of his attendance at discussion groups, which were numerous in N.O.

This is not at all the same (and I know of no FBI effort to reconcile) as CD75:232, where, on the very same day, Ampolsk is represented as saying not that he "saw" LHO but that he "met" him, and that "one or two days before OSWALD was arrested", and this was at an unspecified location on Canal St, with LHO having "one or two other persons" helping him.

There are abundant official and unofficial indications LHO was engaged in such activity in the Brouniger neighborhood for some time, ignored by the government. I can only wonder why he had help, since that small supply of handbills sure went a long way.

From what Ampolsk's father told me, I have to assume the FBI is omitting something.

This, however, explains the strange doings with the Doyle and Martin films, both of his Canal St. distribution. And the strange absence of stills from the ITM footage.

Nice touch: the FBI description as of "medium" build a man (Mitchell) who is 5'5" and weighs 215. What would they call fat?